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# S. 5208

To enhance existing aviation workforce development pilot programs.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 7, 2022

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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# A BILL

To enhance existing aviation workforce development pilot programs.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Aviation Workforce  
5 Development Act”.

**6 SEC. 2. AVIATION MAINTENANCE WORKFORCE DEVELOP-**

**7 MENT PROGRAM.**

8       (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE ADVANCED TRAINING FA-  
9 CILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS FOR AIR CAR-

1 RIER AIRCRAFT GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 44515 of title  
2 49, United States Code, is amended—

3                 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “not more  
4 than 4”; and  
5                 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “\$5,000,000”  
6 and inserting “\$7,000,000”.

7                 (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE AVIATION WORKFORCE  
8 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—Section 625 of the FAA Re-  
9 authorization Act of 2018 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is  
10 amended—

11                 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “and  
12 \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through  
13 2028” after “2023” each place it appears; and

14                 (2) in subsection (d)(2)—

15                         (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “or”  
16 after the semicolon;

17                         (B) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as  
18 subparagraph (G); and

19                         (C) by inserting after subparagraph (E)  
20 the following new subparagraph:

21                                 “(F) to acquire equipment necessary to de-  
22 liver curriculum described in paragraph (1)(A);  
23 or”.

1   **SEC. 3. NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR AVIATION WORK-**

2                   **FORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

3         (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
5 Federal Aviation Administration shall, to the extent prac-  
6 ticable and in consultation with other Federal agencies  
7 and private individuals, establish a national strategic plan  
8 for addressing projected shortages of aviation workers in  
9 the aviation industry, including—

10                 (1) any short-term, medium-term, and long-  
11 term needs critical to the economy, national security,  
12 workforce readiness, environmental concerns, and  
13 priorities of the United States aviation sector, such  
14 as emergency readiness and resilience; and

15                 (2) any situation or condition that warrants  
16 special attention by the Federal Government.

17         (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The national strategic plan es-  
18 tablished under subsection (a) shall—

19                 (1) take into account the activities and accom-  
20 plishments of all agencies in the Executive branch of  
21 the Federal Government that are related to carrying  
22 out such national strategic plan; and

23                 (2) include recommendations for legislation,  
24 regulations, and budget proposals to carry out such  
25 national strategic plan.

